GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up any comprehensive plan for development of tourism in rural areas having rich potential, especially in Thar region i.e. Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner and seven sister States of North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have constituted any working group for development of rural tourism in the country which remained neglected so far; and

(d) if so, the composition and the main aspects proposed to be covered by the working group for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)
(a) and (b): The Department of Tourism has formulated a scheme for development of rural tourism during the 10th Plan. Under this scheme, 10 rural tourism projects are to be taken up in the country every year in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations.
(c): No, Sir.
(d): Does not arise.